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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [joe.balash@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 9:24 AM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Cc: kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us
Subject: RE: Mat Maid Dairy

Governor:

I just got off the phone with Mike. He's having some technical difficulties with his Blackberry and can't seem to send messages right now--but he is still receiving them. He's delayed in traffic but will be there soon to discuss this further.

Joe

-----Original Message-----

From: Spencer, Kari L (GOV)

Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 8:54 AM

To: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV); 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'; Balash, Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)

Cc: Kristina Y Perry

Subject: Re: Mat Maid Dairy

Yes, Joe Balash did forward a request about a mat-maid meeting for sometime after the board met on june 6.....I ran it by Mike Tibbles and Mike requested we stand by until we learned what the board decided on june 6. I did not receive any further information on mat-maid before I left on june 8.

----- Original Message -----

From: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: Kristina Y Perry; Spencer, Kari L (GOV)

Sent: Fri Jun 15 08:25:03 2007

Subject: RE: Mat Maid Dairy

Governor,

This is the first I've seen of this request, I will check with Kari and Joe first thing this morning.

Sunny

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 7:27 PM

To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV); Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

Cc: Kristina Y Perry

Subject: Fw: Mat Maid Dairy

Does anyone have any notice of the Teamsters trying to meet with me two wks ago? This is a very significant issue and hopefully the request didn't get lost between the cracks, but right now just need to know if they did request a mtg two wks ago. Thanks

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 03:10:06

To:"Michael A Tibbles" <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>,"Kristina Y Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc:"Meghan N Stapleton" <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Fw: Mat Maid Dairy

This is the first I've heard of any request the Teamsters had to meet with me re MatMaid.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 18:37:08

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: Mat Maid Dairy

Here's the back-and-forth I had with Barbara Huff.

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From: Barbara Huff [mailto:Bhuff@akteamsters.com]

Sent: Friday, June 01, 2007 11:45 AM

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Cc: Martha K Rutherford; Ken Coleman

Subject: RE: Mat Maid Dairy

Joe:

Thanks for your response. Based on what you have shared, scheduling the meeting after that date is probably an excellent idea.

We are dealing with some pretty concerned employees who are right now looking for answers and direction. Although we don't believe they are

the only ones concerned, just the ones we hear from regularly.

Thanks again.

-----Original Message-----

From: Joseph R Balash [mailto:joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Friday, June 01, 2007 11:11 AM

To: Barbara Huff

Cc: marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us; Ken Coleman

Subject: Re: Mat Maid Dairy

Barbara:

I can assure you that MatMaid is getting the attention of the Governor. My understanding is that the 600.0 goes through DNR--and the leadership of the department is expecting a plan for the funds before they are transferred. The Creamery Corp. and BAC asked for the funds and now they are being asked what they intend to do with it.

I've not been briefed about the upcoming meeting so I'm not aware of the options that Van Treek plans to put on the table. I had understood there would be multiple options for the board to consider.

I will forward your request to the scheduling office and see what can be done--would it be better to wait until after the meeting on the 6th so we see what has been put on the table?

Joe

----- Original Message -----

From: Barbara Huff <Bhuff@akteamsters.com>

Date: Friday, June 1, 2007 10:40 am

Subject: Mat Maid Dairy

To: joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us

Cc: marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us, Ken Coleman <Kcoleman@akteamsters.com>

> Joe:
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> I left a message on your office phone yesterday regarding a
> meeting that
> my boss Ken Coleman would like to have with the Governor to
> discuss Mat
> Maid Dairy and its impact on Agriculture in this state in general.
> We
> have been advised that there will be a meeting of the Board on
> Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at which time the General Manager is
> expected to
> roll out a plan for Mat Maid.
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> We believe the plan will include a proposal that will shut the Dairy
> down within a couple of months. For us that means about 40 jobs that
> will be immediately impacted in addition to the contract work
> through K
> & W which hauls the milk from the valley to the dairy in town and the
> impact on the farmers. Yes we realize at least a couple of the
> farmerswho are running in the red now will probably benefit, if
> their debt is
> ultimately forgiven as a result of Mat Maid Dairy shutting their
door.
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> This also means that one more competitor is taken off the market

> in our

> state. Is this good or the consumers? When Safeway bought out

Carrs,

> part of that deal was maintaining the local products on their

shelves.

> Since that time Mat Maid has not been without challenges in that

area.

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> Additionally, we understood included in the $600,000.00 allocated

> in the

> Capitol budget this year for Mat Maid Dairy was money to hire a

> consultant to review the Dairy business plan and make some

> recommendations regarding its long term viability. Has there been a

> decision not to hire someone? The current CEO stated in the press at

> least a year or two ago, that he felt the Dairy should privatize,

> whichallow it more flexibility in expanding and upgrading facility

and

> products. We don't believe this was ever seriously looked at and

> shouldbe a consideration, if viable.

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> While we understand this may not carry quit the high profile that

> a Gas

> Pipeline or the contemplation of one brings to the table, we do

> believeit is an issue that should be given some consideration at

> the highest

> level of the state before it simple goes away. This company has

> been in

> business in this state for over 70 years and does bring with it some

> loyal consumers as well as employees who have been with the

> company in

> some cases for a 2nd generation. We also realize that it is not

> withoutproblems, which is why we are requesting a meeting with the

> Governor to

> discuss this very important matter.

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> Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [joe.balash@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 1:59 PM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (LAA); Meghan N Stapleton; gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: FYI

Palin addresses farmers protesting dairy closing

By ANDREW WELLNER
Anchorage Daily News

Published: June 15, 2007
Last Modified: June 15, 2007 at 01:14 PM

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The board, citing mounting debts, on Wednesday rejected Palin's call to reconsider its close date.

Find Andrew Wellner online at adn.com/contact/awellner or call 352-6710.

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From: Frye, Ivy J (GOV) [ivy.frye@alaska.gov]

Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 6:13 PM

To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (GOV); gov.sarah@yahoo.com; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton; fek9wnr@yahoo.com; Talis Colberg

Subject: BAC

Hi everyone,

Members have been notified. The roster is still on the website. The letters are signed, sealed, and with Joe for the weekend.

Thanks,

Ivy Frye
director of boards and commissions
office of governor sarah palin
ivy.frye@alaska.gov
Office (907) 465-3934
Fax (907) 465-8110

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From: frank bailey [ftb907@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 12:31 PM
To: Sarah Palin; Todd Palin; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Clearly Arctic - Initial Info

Signs point to Mat Maid as owner of the Clearly Arctic name so far, showing that it started the website domain www.clearlyarctic.com. The Creamery Corporation registered the "Clearly Arctic" Federal Trademark. (Backup on both are below).

Todd, you requested info on Terry Clark and so far there is very little. I've checked the Corporations, Business License databases, and I'll check worker's comp with DOL and Corporate Net Income payments to DOR. Terry Clark (unless he holds an Indiana address and part-owns Capitol Construction out of Juneau) doesn't show as a partner or business owner of a current business.

Under Eagle River Roofing, business license # 900313, I don't show Clark's name on the record, but rather Steven Benson (Chugiak, AK), and Tanner Benson (Cooper Landing, AK) on the record.

contacts for website: terry@clearlyarctic.com

Whois Record for www.clearlyarctic.com

Registrant:
Matanuska Maid Dairy
814 West Northern Lights Blvd
Anchorage, AK 99503
US

Domain Name: CLEARLYARCTIC.COM

Administrative Contact, Technical Contact:
Bowers, Linda
[x] WhoIs Privacy and Spam Prevention by DomainTools.com
C L Leasing, Inc.
5101 E 22nd
ANCHORAGE, AK 99508
907-337-4884 fax: 907-333-7445

Federal Trademark Record on Clearly Arctic:

Word Mark	**CLEARLY ARCTIC**
Goods and Services	IC 032. US 045 046 048. G & S: Bottled drinking water, bottled carbonated water, bottled flavored water, carbonated water, and non-alcoholic flavored and carbonated fruit drinks. FIRST USE: 19991015. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19991123
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Attorney of Record	Lynn M. Allingham
Type of Mark	TRADEMARK
Register	PRINCIPAL
Live/Dead Indicator	LIVE

From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 7:33 PM
To: Annette Kreitzer; John Katz; Larry Persily; Emil R Notti; Joseph D Schmidt; Lawrence L Hartig; Tom Irwin; Leo Von Scheben; Walt C Monegan; Roger L Sampson; Denby S Lloyd; Joseph R Balash; John W Bitney; Karen J Rehfeld; Kristina Y Perry; Meghan N Stapleton; Michael A Nizich; Michael A Tibbles; Sharon W Leighow; Sean Parnell; Karleen K Jackson; Clark C Bishop; Talis J Colberg; Patrick S Galvin; Craig Campbell; chckheath; Todd Palin; Franci Havemeister
Subject: Re: mat maid

Chuck: Yes - we need this task force. We're in a cabinet mtg right now discussing the topic. Have Joe Austerman get thinking on this - I just cleared his participation with Commissioner Notti.

Mike Tibbles will be in charge. Let him talk to you about it and some of the other plans we have for revitalization/changes within Ag. (And MatMaid.). This will be awesome!

Stand by for Tibbles and Kris Perry to contact you with directives.

You have my blessing and THANKS for being concerned and energized and excited about finding solutions.

I'm ccing Cabinet members bc their areas are also affected by the MatMaid issue and just wanted to let them know we're off and running with the task force idea. Ccing Franci, too, so she'll be a part of it.

You don't have to respond to this entire list.

Also, intriguing idea(s) from Kaladi Bros guys re: local product they tried to get MatMaid to hear them on months ago.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:04:39

To:"Todd Palin" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>,"Kristina Y Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Meghan N Stapleton" <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>,"John W Bitney" <john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us>,"Michael A Tibbles" <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Fw: mat maid

-----Original Message-----

From: chuck heath <chckheath@yahoo.com>

Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 14:01:24

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: mat maid

Sarah,

Joey and I stayed and talked with Bob Havemeister after the rally about potential solutions. We'd like to form a steering committee which would include dairy farmers, businessmen, and key state people, to come up with a viable strategy. Bob is all for downsizing and getting back to basics. Do we have your blessing to proceed or do you have something else in mind?

Chuck

ps. Lots of happy people because you showed up.

--- gov.sarah@yahoo.com wrote:

> Amen!!! Tell joey, too, to HELP on this issue. I've
> not been so riled up in a long time over an issue -
> we HAVE to find solutions here.
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> Tom: pls forward to Dick.
> -----Original Message-----
> From: chuck heath <chckheath@yahoo.com>
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> Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 11:48:45
> To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com
> Subject: mat maid
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> Sarah,

I know you're probably hearing all
> kinds of things about Mat Maid and yesterday's
> fiasco but here's my two cents.

Mat Maid
> started out as a creamery in 1936 making only butter
> and selling eggs. They eventually started
> selling excess milk from the creamery. This
> was a profitable business for years. As
> recently as 1980, Mat Maid's milk was 100% Alaskan
> dairy produced. Now they say their milk is 35%
> Alaskan mixed with imported milk from outside.
> I've been told it's more like 10% Alaskan.

A
> 1998 legislative audit (audit digest #10-4545-98)
> showed that the company was in dire straits
> then. The public is under the impression that
> Mat Maid's woes are recent. Of course
> production/supply costs have skyrocketed but I think
> the companies major problem stems from WAY too much
> diversification. They are producing too many
> different products (which are more expensive than
> the competition). Alaskans' loyalty
> to the brand has kept them afloat for a long time
> but the whole thing is a losing
> proposition.

There is a growing market for
> organic and premium dairy products. Maybe by
> scaling down their operations and specializing in
> high end, 100% Alaskan diary products (no imported
> milk powder, etc.), we could save the existing dairy
> farmers and the jobs of most plant workers. I
> suggest sticking with milk, butter, premium ice
> cream (people will buy it!), and maybe
> cheese.

Pass this message along to Dept.
> Comm.Richard LeFebvre if you'd like as he seems to
> be up on the current situation.

Good

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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 5:16 PM
To: Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Bitney; John W (LAA); Meghan N Stapleton; Perry; Kristina Y (GOV)
Subject: Re: Mat Maid Dairy

Holy flippin crap. This is idiotic. So we're not doing enough?

-----Original Message-----

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 16:54:00

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com, "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Bitney, John W (GOV)" <john.bitney@alaska.gov>,meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us,"Perry, Kristina Y (GOV)" <kris.perry@alaska.gov>

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From: Barbara Huff <Bhuff@akteamsters.com>

To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)

Cc: Spencer, Kari L (GOV); Governor Sarah Palin (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Fri Jun 15 16:45:37 2007

Subject: Mat Maid Dairy

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I believe you have my cell number, 227-4572 or office 565-8236.

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Sent: Fri Jun 15 17:04:59 2007

Subject: Re: Mat Maid Dairy

It had better be explained to her that yesterday is the FIRST I heard of the mtg request. I will call her if I don't hear that she's been notified asap.

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Subject: Re: FYI

Meg - why do,kt they write about options? Like scaling MM back, transitioning into private sector, etc?

-----Original Message-----

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 13:59:11

To:"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>,"Bitney, John W (GOV)" <john.bitney@alaska.gov>,Meghan Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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From: Balash, Joseph R (GOV) [joe.balash@alaska.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 2:09 PM
To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Subject: RE:

I got gobbledygook.

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 2:00 PM

To: Todd Palin; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Meghan N Stapleton; Bitney, John W (GOV); Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); Joseph D Schmidt; Talis J Colberg; S R Parnell; Leo Von Scheben; Franci Havemeister; chckheath; Emil R Notti; Rehfeld, Karen J (GOV); Jackson, Karleen K (HSS); Denby S Lloyd; Larry A Persily; Katz, John W (GOV); Campbell, Craig (MVA); Walt C Monegan III; Annette E Kreitzer

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Pass this message along to Dept.
> Comm.Richard LeFebvre if you'd like as he seems to
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 1:31 PM
To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV)
Subject: Re: Mat Maid Dairy

Ok

Hope you're enjoying the trip!

-----Original Message-----

From: "Spencer, Kari L (GOV)" <kari.spencer@alaska.gov>

Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 08:54:26

To:"Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)" <sunny.cayce@alaska.gov>, gov.sarah@yahoo.com,"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Cc:kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us

Subject: Re: Mat Maid Dairy

Yes, Joe Balash did forward a request about a mat-maid meeting for sometime after the board met on june 6.....I ran it by Mike Tibbles and Mike requested we stand by until we learned what the board decided on june 6. I did not receive any further information on mat-maid before I left on june 8.

----- Original Message -----

From: Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

To: gov.sarah@yahoo.com <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>

Cc: Kristina Y Perry; Spencer, Kari L (GOV)

Sent: Fri Jun 15 08:25:03 2007

Subject: RE: Mat Maid Dairy

Governor,

This is the first I've seen of this request, I will check with Kari and Joe first thing this morning.

Sunny

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com [mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com <mailto:gov.sarah@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 7:27 PM

To: Spencer, Kari L (GOV); Cayce, Sunny C (GOV)

Cc: Kristina Y Perry

Subject: Fw: Mat Maid Dairy

Does anyone have any notice of the Teamsters trying to meet with me two wks ago? This is a very significant issue and hopefully the request didn't get lost between the cracks, but right now just need to know if they did request a mtg two wks ago. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 03:10:06

To:"Michael A Tibbles" <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>,"Kristina Y Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>

Cc:"Meghan N Stapleton" <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>

Subject: Fw: Mat Maid Dairy

This is the first I've heard of any request the Teamsters had to meet with me re MatMaid.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>

Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 18:37:08

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: FW: Mat Maid Dairy

Here's the back-and-forth I had with Barbara Huff.

Mike said you also asked why I hadn't replied to a question you had

about Mac Carter. I haven't seen an email like that from you...but the

gist is I think Mac is trying hard to what's right without knowing what's right--and the biggest problem we face with him is that he trusts Joe Van Treek.

On Tuesday night when I called him to tell him about the letter and request, he was all gung-ho and on board. In fact, he was relieved that you were stepping up to keep whatever differences there are between MM and DNR out of the way. He told me he thought it would take a slug of about $300,000 to re-stock the necessary supplies and keep things open at least through the summer and that he would go round up the support on the board to honor your request. Later that night I got a call from Rhonda Boyles asking me to confirm that what Mac told her was the plan was in fact what you wanted to do. However, by morning Mac had been turned around. Rhonda thinks he just gets led around by Van Treek--and I think she's right. Not because Mac is out to do the wrong-headed thing, but because his vision gets blurry when information is presented to him that flies in the face of what he originally thinks is right (kind of like some legislators I know).

-----Original Message-----
From: Barbara Huff [mailto:Bhuff@akteamsters.com <mailto:Bhuff@akteamsters.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 01, 2007 11:45 AM
To: Balash, Joseph R (GOV)
Cc: Martha K Rutherford; Ken Coleman
Subject: RE: Mat Maid Dairy

Joe:
Thanks for your response. Based on what you have shared, scheduling the meeting after that date is probably an excellent idea.

We are dealing with some pretty concerned employees who are right now looking for answers and direction. Although we don't believe they are the only ones concerned, just the ones we hear from regularly.

Thanks again.

-----Original Message-----

From: Joseph R Balash [mailto:joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us <mailto:joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>]

Sent: Friday, June 01, 2007 11:11 AM

To: Barbara Huff

Cc: marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us; Ken Coleman

Subject: Re: Mat Maid Dairy

Barbara:

I can assure you that MatMaid is getting the attention of the Governor. My understanding is that the 600.0 goes through DNR--and the leadership of the department is expecting a plan for the funds before they are transferred. The Creamery Corp. and BAC asked for the funds and now they are being asked what they intend to do with it.

I've not been briefed about the upcoming meeting so I'm not aware of the options that Van Treek plans to put on the table. I had understood there would be multiple options for the board to consider.

I will forward your request to the scheduling office and see what can be done--would it be better to wait until after the meeting on the 6th so we see what has been put on the table?

Joe

----- Original Message -----

From: Barbara Huff <Bhuff@akteamsters.com>

Date: Friday, June 1, 2007 10:40 am

Subject: Mat Maid Dairy

To: joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us

Cc: marty_rutherford@dnr.state.ak.us, Ken Coleman

<Kcoleman@akteamsters.com>

> Joe:

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> I left a message on your office phone yesterday regarding a
> meeting that
> my boss Ken Coleman would like to have with the Governor to
> discuss Mat
> Maid Dairy and its impact on Agriculture in this state in general.
> We
> have been advised that there will be a meeting of the Board on
> Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at which time the General Manager is
> expected to
> roll out a plan for Mat Maid.

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> We believe the plan will include a proposal that will shut the Dairy
> down within a couple of months. For us that means about 40 jobs that
> will be immediately impacted in addition to the contract work
> through K
> & W which hauls the milk from the valley to the dairy in town and the
> impact on the farmers. Yes we realize at least a couple of the
> farmerswho are running in the red now will probably benefit, if
> their debt is
> ultimately forgiven as a result of Mat Maid Dairy shutting their
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> This also means that one more competitor is taken off the market

> in our
> state. Is this good or the consumers? When Safeway bought out
Carrs,
> part of that deal was maintaining the local products on their
shelves.
> Since that time Mat Maid has not been without challenges in that
area.
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> Additionally, we understood included in the $600,000.00 allocated
> in the
> Capitol budget this year for Mat Maid Dairy was money to hire a
> consultant to review the Dairy business plan and make some
> recommendations regarding its long term viability. Has there been a
> decision not to hire someone? The current CEO stated in the press at
> least a year or two ago, that he felt the Dairy should privatize,
> whichallow it more flexibility in expanding and upgrading facility
and
> products. We don't believe this was ever seriously looked at and
> shouldbe a consideration, if viable.
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> While we understand this may not carry quit the high profile that
> a Gas
> Pipeline or the contemplation of one brings to the table, we do
> believeit is an issue that should be given some consideration at
> the highest
> level of the state before it simple goes away. This company has
> been in
> business in this state for over 70 years and does bring with it some
> loyal consumers as well as employees who have been with the
> company in

> some cases for a 2nd generation. We also realize that it is not

> withoutproblems, which is why we are requesting a meeting with the

> Governor to

> discuss this very important matter.

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> Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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From: <gov.sarah@yahoo.com> [gov.sarah@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 2:01 PM
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Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 14:01:24

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Sent: Friday, June 15, 2007 1:30 PM
To: Tibbles, Michael A (GOV); chckheath; Emil R Notti; Perry, Kristina Y (GOV); Todd Palin
Subject: Fw: mat maid

Chuck- Tibbles is going to call you after this mtg- what's a good number? Are u back in anch?

We also want to work with UAA prof Oliver Hedgepath on this - Kris would u forward to Oliver?
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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com

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To:"Todd Palin" <fek9wnr@yahoo.com>,"Kristina Y Perry" <kris_perry@gov.state.ak.us>,"Meghan N Stapleton" <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us>,"John W Bitney" <john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us>,"Michael A Tibbles" <mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us>,"Joseph D Schmidt" <joseph_schmidt@correct.state.ak.us>,"Talis J Colberg" <talis_colberg@law.state.ak.us>,"Sean Parnell" <SR_Parnell@gov.state.ak.us>,"Leo Von Scheben" <leo_vonscheben@dot.state.ak.us>,"Franci Havemeister" <francihav@yahoo.com>,"chckheath" <chckheath@yahoo.com>,"Emil R Notti" <emil_notti@commerce.state.ak.us>,"Karen J Rehfeld" <karen_rehfeld@gov.state.ak.us>,"Karleen K Jackson" <karleen_jackson@health.state.ak.us>,"Denby S Lloyd" <denby_lloyd@fishgame.state.ak.us>,"Larry A Persily" <lpersily@alaskadc.org>,"John Katz" <jwkatz@alaskadc.org>,"Craig Campbell" <craig.campbell2@us.army.mil>,"Walt C Monegan" <walt_monegan@dps.state.ak.us>,"Annette Kreitzer" <annette_kreitzer@admin.state.ak.us>,"Patrick S Galvin" <patrick_galvin@revenue.state.ak.us>,"Tom Irwin" <tom_irwin@dnr.state.ak.us>,"Michael A Nizich" <mike_nizich@gov.state.ak.us>,"Sharon W Leighow" <sharon_leighow@gov.state.ak.us>,"Clark C Bishop" <clark_bishop@labor.state.ak.us>,"Lawrence L Hartig" <larry_hartig@dec.state.ak.us>,"Joseph R Balash" <joe_balash@gov.state.ak.us>,"Roger L Sampson" <roger_sampson@eed.state.ak.us>,"John W Bitney" <john_bitney@gov.state.ak.us>
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Chuck: Yes - we need this task force. We're in a cabinet mtg right now discussing the topic. Have Joe Austerman get thinking on this - I just cleared his participation with Commissioner Notti.

Mike Tibbles will be in charge. Let him talk to you about it and some of the other plans we have for revitalization/changes within Ag. (And MatMaid.). This will be awesome! Stand by for Tibbles and Kris Perry to contact you with directives.

You have my blessing and THANKS for being concerned and energized and excited about finding solutions.

I'm ccing Cabinet members bc their areas are also affected by the MatMaid issue and just wanted to let them know we're off and running with the task force idea. Ccing Franci, too, so she'll be a part of it.
You don't have to respond to this entire list.

Also, intriguing idea(s) from Kaladi Bros guys re: local product they tried to get MatMaid to hear them on months ago.
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To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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Sarah,

Joey and I stayed and talked with Bob Havemeister after the rally about potential solutions. We'd like to form a steering committee which would include dairy farmers, businessmen, and key state people, to come up with a viable strategy. Bob is all for downsizing and getting back to basics. Do we have your blessing to proceed or do you have something else in mind?

Chuck

ps. Lots of happy people because you showed up.
--- gov.sarah@yahoo.com wrote:

> Amen!!! Tell joey, too, to HELP on this issue. I've
> not been so riled up in a long time over an issue -
> we HAVE to find solutions here.
>
> Tom: pls forward to Dick.
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> From: chuck heath <chckheath@yahoo.com>
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> Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 11:48:45
> To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com
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> Sarah,

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> kinds of things about Mat Maid and yesterday's
> fiasco but here's my two cents.

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